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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "PART I

4 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FINANCING--GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** The legislature recognizes that the state
6 as a whole benefits from investment in public infrastructure because it
7 promotes community and economic development. Public investment
8 stimulates business activity and helps create jobs; stimulates the
9 redevelopment of brownfields and blighted areas in the inner city;
10 lowers the cost of housing; and promotes efficient land use. The
11 legislature finds that these activities generate revenue for the state
12 and that it is in the public interest to invest in these projects
13 through a credit against the state sales and use tax to those local
14 governments that can demonstrate the expected returns to the state.

15 **Sec. 102.** RCW 39.89.020 and 2001 c 212 s 2 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
18 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (1) "Assessed value of real property" means the valuation of real
20 property as placed on the last completed assessment roll.

21 (2) "Department" means the department of revenue.

22 (3) "Increment area" means the geographic area from which taxes are
23 to be appropriated to finance public improvements authorized under this
24 chapter.

25 (4) "Increment value" means seventy-five percent of any increase in
26 the assessed value of real property in an increment area that is placed
27 on the assessment rolls after the increment area is created. There is
28 no increment value if the assessed value of real property in an

1 increment area is less than or equal to the assessed value of real
2 property in the increment area for taxes levied in the year in which
3 the increment area was created for collection in the following year.

4 (5) "Local government" means any city, town, county, port district,
5 or any combination thereof.

6 ~~((3))~~ (6) "Ordinance" means any appropriate method of taking
7 legislative action by a local government.

8 ~~((4))~~ (7) "Participating taxing authority" means a taxing
9 authority that has entered into a written agreement with a local
10 government for the use of community revitalization financing to finance
11 all or a portion of the costs of designated public improvements.

12 (8) "Participating taxing district" means all taxing districts
13 within an increment area where a local government has obtained written
14 agreement for the use of community revitalization financing to finance
15 all or a portion of the costs of designated public improvements as
16 provided in RCW 39.89.030(8). However, a fire protection district is
17 not a participating taxing district unless it has entered into a
18 signed, written agreement with a local government to provide limited
19 funding under community revitalization financing as provided in RCW
20 39.89.030(8)(a).

21 (9) "Public improvements" means:

22 (a) Infrastructure improvements within the increment area that
23 include:

24 (i) Street and road construction and maintenance;

25 (ii) Water and sewer system construction and improvements;

26 (iii) Sidewalks and streetlights;

27 (iv) Parking, terminal, and dock facilities;

28 (v) Park and ride facilities of a transit authority;

29 (vi) Park facilities and recreational areas; and

30 (vii) Storm water and drainage management systems; and

31 (b) Expenditures for any of the following purposes:

32 (i) Providing environmental analysis, professional management,
33 planning, and promotion within the increment area, including the
34 management and promotion of retail trade activities in the increment
35 area;

36 (ii) Providing maintenance and security for common or public areas
37 in the increment area; or

1 (iii) Historic preservation activities authorized under RCW
2 35.21.395.

3 ((+5)) (10) "Public improvement costs" means the costs of: (a)
4 Design, planning, acquisition, including land acquisition, site
5 preparation including land clearing, construction, reconstruction,
6 rehabilitation, improvement, and installation of public improvements;
7 (b) demolishing, relocating, maintaining, and operating property
8 pending construction of public improvements; (c) relocating utilities
9 as a result of public improvements; (d) financing public improvements,
10 including interest during construction, legal and other professional
11 services, taxes, insurance, principal and interest costs on general
12 indebtedness issued to finance public improvements, and any necessary
13 reserves for general indebtedness; (e) assessments incurred in
14 revaluing real property for the purpose of determining the tax
15 allocation base value that are in excess of costs incurred by the
16 assessor in accordance with the revaluation plan under chapter 84.41
17 RCW, and the costs of apportioning the taxes and complying with this
18 chapter and other applicable law; and (f) administrative expenses and
19 feasibility studies reasonably necessary and related to these costs,
20 including related costs that may have been incurred before adoption of
21 the ordinance authorizing the public improvements and the use of
22 community revitalization financing to fund the costs of the public
23 improvements.

24 ((+6)) (11) "Regular property taxes" means regular property taxes
25 as defined in RCW 84.04.140, except: (a) Regular property taxes levied
26 by port districts or public utility districts specifically for the
27 purpose of making required payments of principal and interest on
28 general indebtedness; ~~((and))~~ (b) regular property taxes levied by the
29 state for the support of the common schools under RCW 84.52.065; and
30 (c) regular property taxes levied under the authority of RCW 84.55.050
31 that are limited to a specific purpose as provided in RCW
32 84.55.050(3)(b). Regular property taxes do not include excess property
33 tax levies that are exempt from the aggregate limits for junior and
34 senior taxing districts as provided in RCW 84.52.043.

35 ((+7)) (12) "Tax allocation base value" means the ~~((true and~~
36 ~~fair))~~ assessed value of real property located within an increment area
37 for taxes ~~((imposed))~~ levied in the year in which the increment area is

1 created for collection in the following year, plus twenty-five percent
2 of any increase in the ~~((true and fair))~~ assessed value of real
3 property located within an increment area that is placed on the
4 assessment rolls after the increment area is created.

5 ~~((+8))~~ (13) "Tax allocation revenues" means those tax revenues
6 derived from the ~~((imposition of))~~ receipt of excess excise taxes under
7 section 202 of this act and from regular property taxes levied on the
8 increment value and distributed to finance public improvements.

9 ~~((+9))~~ "Increment area" means ~~the geographic area from which taxes~~
10 ~~are to be appropriated to finance public improvements authorized under~~
11 ~~this chapter.~~

12 ~~(10)~~ "Increment value" means ~~seventy five percent of any increase~~
13 ~~in the true and fair value of real property in an increment area that~~
14 ~~is placed on the tax rolls after the increment area is created.~~

15 ~~((+11))~~ (14) "Taxing authority" means a governmental entity that
16 imposes a sales or use tax under chapter 82.14 RCW upon the occurrence
17 of any taxable event within a proposed or approved increment area.

18 (15) "Taxing district~~((s))~~" means a governmental entity that levies
19 or has levied for it regular property taxes upon real property located
20 within a proposed or approved increment area.

21 ~~((+12))~~ (16) "Value of taxable property" means the value of the
22 taxable property as defined in RCW 39.36.015.

23 **Sec. 103.** RCW 39.89.030 and 2002 c 12 s 1 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 A local government may finance public improvements using community
26 revitalization financing subject to the following conditions:

27 (1) The local government adopts an ordinance designating an
28 increment area within its boundaries and specifying the public
29 improvements proposed to be financed in whole or in part with the use
30 of community revitalization financing;

31 (2) The public improvements proposed to be financed in whole or in
32 part using community revitalization financing are expected to encourage
33 private development within the increment area and to increase the fair
34 market value of real property within the increment area;

35 (3) The local government has entered or expects to enter into a
36 contract with a private developer relating to the development of

1 private improvements within the increment area or has received a letter
2 of intent from a private developer relating to the developer's plans
3 for the development of private improvements within the increment area;

4 (4) Private development that is anticipated to occur within the
5 increment area, as a result of the public improvements, will be
6 consistent with the countywide planning policy adopted by the county
7 under RCW 36.70A.210 and the local government's comprehensive plan and
8 development regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW;

9 ~~((4) Taxing districts, in the aggregate, that levy at least~~
10 ~~seventy five percent of the regular property tax within which the~~
11 ~~increment area is located approves the community revitalization~~
12 ~~financing of the project under RCW 39.89.050(1); and~~

13 ~~(5) In an increment area that includes any portion of a fire~~
14 ~~protection district as defined in Title 52 RCW, the fire protection~~
15 ~~district must agree to participate in the community revitalization~~
16 ~~financing of the project under chapter 212, Laws of 2001, for the~~
17 ~~project to proceed. Approval by the fire protection district shall be~~
18 ~~considered as part of the required participation by taxing districts~~
19 ~~under subsection (4) of this section)) (5) The local government may not~~
20 use community revitalization financing to finance the costs associated
21 with the financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping,
22 operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, and reequipping of
23 public facilities funded with taxes collected under RCW 82.14.048;

24 (6) The governing body of the local government must make a finding
25 that community revitalization financing: (a) Will not be used for the
26 purpose of relocating a business from outside the increment area, but
27 within this state, into the increment area; and (b) will improve the
28 viability of existing business entities within the increment area; and
29 (c) will be used primarily in areas within the jurisdiction of the
30 local government deemed in need of economic development and/or
31 redevelopment;

32 (7) The governing body of the local government finds that the
33 public improvements proposed to be financed in whole or in part using
34 community revitalization financing are reasonably likely to:

- 35 (a) Increase private investment within the increment area;
36 (b) Increase employment within the increment area; and

1 (c) Generate, over the period of time that the local sales and use
2 tax will be imposed under section 301 of this act, state and local
3 property, sales, and use tax revenues that are equal to or greater than
4 the respective state and local contributions made under this chapter;

5 (8) The local government obtains written agreement for the use of
6 community revitalization financing to finance all or a portion of the
7 costs of the designated public improvements from taxing districts that
8 in the aggregate levy at least sixty percent of the regular property
9 taxes on property within the increment area. The agreement must be
10 authorized by the governing body of taxing districts that in the
11 aggregate levy at least sixty percent of the regular property taxes on
12 property within the increment area.

13 (a) A signed, written agreement from taxing districts that in the
14 aggregate levy at least sixty percent of the regular property taxes
15 within the increment area constitutes concurrence by all taxing
16 districts in the increment area in the public improvements and
17 participation in the public improvements to the extent of providing
18 limited funding under community revitalization financing authorized
19 under this chapter. However, a fire protection district may choose not
20 to participate in the public improvements by providing written notice
21 to the local government of its decision not to provide limited funding
22 under community revitalization financing.

23 (b) For purposes of this subsection (8), "regular property taxes"
24 means regular property taxes defined in RCW 84.04.140, except: (i)
25 Regular property taxes levied by the state; and (ii) regular property
26 taxes levied by a fire protection district if the fire protection
27 district has not entered into a signed, written agreement with a local
28 government to provide limited funding under community revitalization
29 financing as provided in (a) of this subsection.

30 **Sec. 104.** RCW 39.89.050 and 2001 c 212 s 5 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) Before adopting an ordinance creating the increment area, a
33 local government must:

34 ((+1)) (a) Obtain written agreement for the use of community
35 revitalization financing to finance all or a portion of the costs of
36 the designated public improvements from taxing districts ((that, in the

1 ~~aggregate, levy at least seventy five percent of the regular property~~
2 ~~tax on property within the increment area. A signed, written agreement~~
3 ~~from taxing districts that in the aggregate levy at least seventy five~~
4 ~~percent of the regular property tax within the increment area,~~
5 ~~constitutes concurrence by all taxing districts in the increment area~~
6 ~~in the public improvement and participation in the public improvement~~
7 ~~to the extent of providing limited funding under community~~
8 ~~revitalization financing authorized under this chapter. The agreement~~
9 ~~must be authorized by the governing body of taxing districts that in~~
10 ~~the aggregate levy at least seventy five percent of the regular~~
11 ~~property tax on property within the increment area)) as provided in RCW~~
12 ~~39.89.030(8); and~~

13 ((+2)) (b) Hold a public hearing on the proposed financing of the
14 public improvement in whole or in part with community revitalization
15 financing.

16 (i) Notice of the public hearing must be published in a legal
17 newspaper of general circulation within the proposed increment area at
18 least ten days before the public hearing and posted in at least six
19 conspicuous public places located in the proposed increment area.

20 (ii) Notice must also be sent by United States mail to the property
21 owners and the business enterprises located within the proposed
22 increment area at least thirty days prior to the hearing. In
23 implementing provisions under this act, the local governing body may
24 also consult with business organizations, including the local chamber
25 of commerce, and the office of minority and women's business
26 enterprises to assist with providing appropriate notice to business
27 enterprises and property owners for whom English is a second language.

28 (iii) Notices must describe the contemplated public improvements,
29 estimate the costs of the public improvements, describe the portion of
30 the costs of the public improvements to be borne by community
31 revitalization financing, describe any other sources of revenue to
32 finance the public improvements, describe the boundaries of the
33 proposed increment area, and estimate the period during which community
34 revitalization financing is contemplated to be used. The public
35 hearing may be held by either the governing body of the local

1 government, or a committee of the governing body that includes at least
2 a majority of the whole governing body(~~(+and)~~).

3 ~~((+3))~~ (2) In order to create an increment area, a local
4 government must adopt an ordinance establishing the increment area
5 that:

6 (a) Describes the public improvements((τ));

7 (b) Describes the boundaries of the increment area((τ));

8 (c) Estimates the cost of the public improvements and the portion
9 of these costs to be financed by community revitalization
10 financing((τ));

11 (d) Estimates the time during which regular property taxes are to
12 be apportioned((τ)) and, if applicable, excess excise taxes are to be
13 used to finance public improvement costs associated with the public
14 improvements financed in whole or in part by community revitalization
15 financing;

16 (e) Estimates the average amount of tax revenue to be received in
17 all fiscal years through the imposition of a sales and use tax under
18 section 301 of this act;

19 (f) Provides the date when the apportionment of the regular
20 property taxes and, if applicable, the use of excess excise taxes will
21 commence((τ)); and

22 (g) Finds that the conditions of RCW 39.89.030 are met.

23 (3) For purposes of this section, "fiscal year" means the year
24 beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

25 **Sec. 105.** RCW 39.89.060 and 2001 c 212 s 6 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The local government shall:

28 (1) Publish notice in a legal newspaper of general circulation
29 within the increment area that describes the public improvement,
30 describes the boundaries of the increment area, and identifies the
31 location and times where the ordinance and other public information
32 concerning the public improvement may be inspected; and

33 (2) Deliver a certified copy of the ordinance to the county
34 treasurer, the county assessor, and the governing body of each
35 participating taxing district within which the increment area is
36 located.

1 PART II

2 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FINANCING

3 USE OF TAX ALLOCATION REVENUES TO PAY THE COSTS OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

4 Sec. 201. RCW 39.89.070 and 2001 c 212 s 7 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Commencing in the second calendar year following the passage of
7 the ordinance creating an increment area and authorizing the use of
8 community revitalization financing, the county treasurer shall
9 distribute receipts from regular taxes imposed on real property located
10 in the increment area as follows:

11 (a) Each participating taxing district and the local government
12 that created the increment area shall receive that portion of its
13 regular property taxes produced by the rate of tax levied by or for the
14 taxing district on the tax allocation base value for that community
15 revitalization financing project in the taxing district, or upon the
16 total assessed value of real property in the taxing district, whichever
17 is smaller; and

18 (b) The local government that created the increment area shall
19 receive an additional portion of the regular property taxes levied by
20 it and by or for each participating taxing district upon the increment
21 value within the increment area. However, if there is no increment
22 value, the local government shall not receive any additional regular
23 property taxes under this subsection (1)(b). The local government that
24 created the increment area may agree to receive less than the full
25 amount of ~~((this))~~ the additional portion of regular property taxes
26 under this subsection (1)(b) as long as bond debt service, reserve, and
27 other bond covenant requirements are satisfied, in which case the
28 balance of these tax receipts shall be allocated to the participating
29 taxing districts that imposed regular property taxes, or have regular
30 property taxes imposed for them, in the increment area for collection
31 that year in proportion to their regular tax levy rates for collection
32 that year. The local government may request that the treasurer
33 transfer this additional portion of the property taxes to its
34 designated agent. The portion of the tax receipts distributed to the
35 local government or its agent under this subsection (1)(b) may only be

1 expended to finance public improvement costs associated with the public
2 improvements financed in whole or in part by community revitalization
3 financing.

4 (2) The county assessor shall allocate twenty-five percent of any
5 increased real property value occurring in the increment area to the
6 tax allocation base value and seventy-five percent to the increment
7 value. This section does not authorize revaluations of real property
8 by the assessor for property taxation that are not made in accordance
9 with the assessor's revaluation plan under chapter 84.41 RCW or under
10 other authorized revaluation procedures.

11 (3) The apportionment of increases in assessed valuation in an
12 increment area, and the associated distribution to the local government
13 of receipts from regular property taxes that are imposed on the
14 increment value, must cease when tax allocation revenues are no longer
15 necessary or obligated to pay the costs of the public improvements.
16 Any excess tax allocation revenues derived from regular property taxes
17 and earnings on ~~((the))~~ such tax allocation revenues, remaining at the
18 time the apportionment of tax receipts terminates, must be returned to
19 the county treasurer and distributed to the participating taxing
20 districts that imposed regular property taxes, or had regular property
21 taxes imposed for it, in the increment area for collection that year,
22 in proportion to the rates of their regular property tax levies for
23 collection that year.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. A new section is added to chapter 39.89
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) A local government that creates an increment area and has
27 received approval from the department of revenue under section 303 of
28 this act to impose the local option sales and use tax authorized in
29 section 301 of this act may use annually any excess excise taxes
30 received by it from taxable activity within the increment area to
31 finance public improvement costs associated with the public
32 improvements financed in whole or in part by community revitalization
33 financing. The use of excess excise taxes must cease when tax
34 allocation revenues are no longer necessary or obligated to pay the
35 costs of the public improvements. Any participating taxing authority
36 is authorized to allocate excess excise taxes to the local government.

1 The legislature declares that it is a proper purpose of a local
2 government or participating taxing authority to allocate excess excise
3 taxes for purposes of financing public improvements under this chapter.

4 (2) A local government consisting solely of a port district may use
5 excess excise taxes as provided in this section only to the extent that
6 any participating taxing authority allocates excess excise taxes to the
7 local government.

8 (3) A local government consisting of a port district and any city,
9 town, or county may use excess excise taxes as provided in this section
10 only if:

11 (a) The city, town, or county realizes excess excise taxes from
12 taxable activity within the increment area; or

13 (b) Any participating taxing authority allocates excess excise
14 taxes to the local government.

15 (4) A local government shall provide the department accurate
16 information describing the geographical boundaries of the increment
17 area at least seventy-five days before the effective date of the
18 ordinance creating the increment area. The local government shall
19 ensure that the boundary information provided to the department is kept
20 current.

21 (5) The department shall provide each local government that has
22 provided boundary information to the department as provided in this
23 section with the necessary information to calculate excess excise
24 taxes.

25 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
26 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

27 (a) "Base year" means the first calendar year following the
28 creation of an increment area.

29 (b) "Excess excise taxes" means the amount of excise taxes received
30 by the local government during the measurement year from taxable
31 activity within the increment area over and above the amount of excise
32 taxes received by the local government during the base year from
33 taxable activity within the increment area. However, if a local
34 government creates an increment area and reasonably determines that no
35 activity subject to tax under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW occurred in
36 the twelve months immediately preceding the creation of the increment
37 area within the boundaries of the area that became the increment area,

1 "excess excise taxes" means the entire amount of excise taxes received
2 by the local government during a calendar year period beginning with
3 the calendar year immediately following the creation of the increment
4 area and continuing with each measurement year thereafter.

5 (c) "Excise taxes" means local retail sales and use taxes
6 authorized in RCW 82.14.030.

7 (d) "Measurement year" means a calendar year, beginning with the
8 calendar year following the base year and each calendar year
9 thereafter, that is used annually to measure the amount of excess
10 excise taxes required to be used to finance public improvement costs
11 associated with public improvements financed in whole or in part by
12 community revitalization financing.

13 PART III

14 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FINANCING--STATE CONTRIBUTION

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) A city, town, or county that creates an increment area and
18 finances public improvements pursuant to chapter 39.89 RCW may impose
19 a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter and
20 subject to the criteria set forth in this section. Except as provided
21 in this section, the tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by
22 law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the
23 state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any
24 taxable event within the taxing jurisdiction of the city, town, or
25 county. The rate of tax shall not exceed the rate provided in RCW
26 82.08.020(1) in the case of a sales tax or the rate provided in RCW
27 82.12.020(5) in the case of a use tax, less the aggregate rates of any
28 other taxes imposed on the same events that are credited against the
29 state taxes imposed under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW.

30 (2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be
31 deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be collected or
32 paid over to the department under chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW. The
33 department shall perform the collection of such taxes on behalf of the
34 city, town, or county at no cost to the city, town, or county.

1 (3) No tax may be imposed under this section before July 1, 2005.
2 Before imposing a tax under this section, the city, town, or county
3 shall first have received tax allocation revenues derived from either
4 regular property taxes or excess excise taxes, or both, during the
5 preceding calendar year. The tax imposed under this section shall
6 expire when the bonds issued under the authority of chapter 39.89 RCW
7 are retired, but not more than twenty-five years after the tax is first
8 imposed.

9 (4) An ordinance adopted by the legislative authority of a city,
10 town, or county imposing a tax under this section shall provide that:

11 (a) The tax shall first be imposed on the first day of a fiscal
12 year.

13 (b) The amount of tax received by the local government in any
14 fiscal year shall not exceed the amount of the state contribution;

15 (c) The tax shall cease to be imposed for the remainder of any
16 fiscal year in which either:

17 (i) The amount of tax receipts totals the amount of the state
18 contribution;

19 (ii) The amount of tax receipts totals the amount of "local public
20 sources," as that term is used in section 302 of this act, dedicated in
21 the previous calendar year to finance public improvements authorized
22 under chapter 39.89 RCW; or

23 (iii) The amount of revenue from taxes imposed under this section
24 by all cities, towns, and counties totals the annual state credit limit
25 as provided in section 303(3) of this act;

26 (d) The tax shall be reimposed, should it cease to be imposed for
27 any of the reasons provided in (c) of this subsection, at the beginning
28 of the next fiscal year, subject to the restrictions in this section;
29 and

30 (e) Any revenue generated by the tax in excess of the amounts
31 specified in (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection shall belong to the
32 state of Washington.

33 (5) If both a county and a city or town impose a tax under this
34 section, the tax imposed by the city, town, or county shall be credited
35 as follows:

36 (a) If the county has created an increment area before the city or

1 town, the tax imposed by the county shall be credited against the tax
2 imposed by the city or town, the purpose of such credit is to give
3 priority to the county tax; and

4 (b) If the city or town has created an increment area before the
5 county, the tax imposed by the city or town shall be credited against
6 the tax imposed by the county, the purpose of such credit is to give
7 priority to the city or town tax.

8 (6) The department shall determine the amount of tax receipts
9 attributable to each city, town, and county imposing a sales and use
10 tax under this section and shall advise a city, town, or county when it
11 must cease imposing the tax for the remainder of the fiscal year as
12 provided in subsection (4)(c) of this section. Determinations by the
13 department of the amount of taxes attributable to a city, town, or
14 county are final and shall not be used to challenge the validity of any
15 tax imposed under this section. The department shall remit any tax
16 receipts in excess of the amounts specified in subsection (4)(a), (b),
17 and (c) of this section to the state treasurer who shall deposit the
18 moneys in the general fund.

19 (7) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
20 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

21 (a) "Base year" means the first calendar year following the
22 creation of an increment area.

23 (b) "Excess state excise taxes" means the amount of excise taxes
24 received by the state during the measurement year from taxable activity
25 within the increment area over and above the amount of excise taxes
26 received by the state during the base year from taxable activity within
27 the increment area. However, if a local government creates an
28 increment area and reasonably determines that no activity subject to
29 tax under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW occurred in the twelve months
30 immediately preceding the creation of the increment area within the
31 boundaries of the area that became the increment area, "excess state
32 excise taxes" means the entire amount of excise taxes received by the
33 state during a calendar year period beginning with the calendar year
34 immediately following the creation of the increment area and continuing
35 with each measurement year thereafter.

36 (c) "Excise taxes" means the state retail sales and use taxes
37 imposed under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW.

1 (d) "Fiscal year" has the same meaning as in RCW 39.89.050(3).

2 (e) "Increment area" has the same meaning as in RCW 39.89.020.

3 (f) "Measurement year" means a calendar year, beginning with the
4 calendar year following the base year and each calendar year
5 thereafter, that is used annually to measure the amount of excess
6 excise taxes required to be used to finance public improvement costs
7 associated with public improvements financed in whole or in part by
8 community revitalization financing.

9 (g) "State contribution" means the lesser of one million dollars or
10 an amount equal to:

11 (i) State property tax allocation revenues received by the state
12 during the preceding calendar year; and

13 (ii) Excess state excise taxes received by the state during the
14 preceding calendar year.

15 (h) "State property tax allocation revenues" means those tax
16 revenues derived from the imposition of property taxes levied by the
17 state on the increment value as defined in RCW 39.89.020.

18 (i) "Tax allocation revenues" has the same meaning as in RCW
19 39.89.020.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) Moneys collected from the taxes imposed under section 301 of
23 this act shall be used only for the purpose of principal and interest
24 payments on bonds issued under the authority of RCW 39.89.080 and must
25 be matched with an amount from local public sources dedicated through
26 December 31st of the previous calendar year to finance public
27 improvements authorized under chapter 39.89 RCW. Such local public
28 sources include but are not limited to private monetary contributions
29 and tax allocation revenues. Local public sources are dedicated to
30 finance public improvements if they are actually expended to pay public
31 improvement costs or are required by law or an agreement to be used
32 exclusively to pay public improvement costs.

33 (2) A local government shall inform the department by the first day
34 of March of the amount of:

35 (a) Local public sources dedicated in the preceding calendar year
36 to finance public improvements authorized under chapter 39.89 RCW; and

1 (b) Tax allocation revenues derived in the preceding calendar year
2 from the imposition of regular property taxes on the increment value
3 and distributed to finance public improvements. Upon request of a
4 local government, the county assessor shall assist the local government
5 in determining the amount of tax allocation revenues derived in the
6 preceding calendar year and distributed to finance public improvements.

7 (3) If a local government fails to comply with subsection (2) of
8 this section, no tax may be imposed under section 301 of this act in
9 the subsequent fiscal year.

10 (4) A local government shall provide a report to the department by
11 March 1st of each year. The report shall contain the following
12 information:

13 (a) The amount of tax allocation revenues, taxes under section 301
14 of this act, and local public sources received by the local government
15 during the preceding calendar year, and a summary of how these revenues
16 were expended;

17 (b) The names of any businesses locating within the increment area
18 as a result of the public improvements undertaken by the local
19 government and financed in whole or in part with community
20 revitalization financing;

21 (c) The total number of permanent jobs created as a result of the
22 public improvements undertaken by the local government and financed in
23 whole or in part with community revitalization financing; and

24 (d) The average wages and benefits received by all employees of
25 businesses locating within the increment area as a result of the public
26 improvements undertaken by the local government and financed in whole
27 or in part with community revitalization financing.

28 (5) The department shall make a report available to the public and
29 the legislature by June 1st of each year. The report shall include a
30 list of public improvements undertaken by local governments and
31 financed in whole or in part with community revitalization financing,
32 and it shall also include a summary of the information provided to the
33 department by local governments under subsection (4) of this section.

34 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
35 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

36 (a) "Public improvement costs" has the same meaning as in RCW
37 39.89.020.

1 (b) "Tax allocation revenues" has the same meaning as in RCW
2 39.89.020.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) As a condition to imposing a sales and use tax under section
6 301 of this act, a city, town, or county must apply to the department
7 at least seventy-five days before the effective date of any such tax.
8 The application shall be in a form and manner prescribed by the
9 department and shall include but is not limited to information
10 establishing that the applicant is eligible to impose such a tax, the
11 anticipated effective date for imposing the tax, the estimated number
12 of years that the tax will be imposed, and the estimated amount of tax
13 revenue to be received in each fiscal year that the tax will be
14 imposed. For purposes of this section, "fiscal year" means the year
15 beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th. The department
16 shall make available forms to be used for this purpose. As part of the
17 application, a city, town, or county must provide to the department a
18 copy of the ordinance creating the increment area as required in RCW
19 39.89.050. The department shall rule on completed applications within
20 sixty days of receipt. No new applications shall be considered by the
21 department after the thirtieth day of September of the third year
22 following the year in which the first application was received.

23 (2) The authority to impose the local option sales and use taxes
24 under section 301 of this act is on a first-come basis. Priority for
25 collecting the taxes authorized under section 301 of this act among
26 approved applicants shall be based on the date that the approved
27 application was received by the department. As a part of the approval
28 of applications under this section, the department shall approve the
29 amount of tax under section 301 of this act that an applicant may
30 impose. The amount of tax approved by the department shall not exceed
31 the lesser of one million dollars or the average amount of tax revenue
32 that the applicant estimates that it will receive in all fiscal years
33 through the imposition of a sales and use tax under section 301 of this
34 act. A city, town, or county shall not receive, in any fiscal year,
35 more revenues from taxes imposed under section 301 of this act than the

1 amount approved by the department. The department shall not approve
2 the receipt of more credit against the state sales and use tax than is
3 authorized under subsection (3) of this section.

4 (3) The amount of credit against the state sales and use tax is
5 limited as follows:

6 (a) Except as provided in this subsection (3), no more than five
7 million dollars of credit against the state sales and use tax may be
8 received by all cities, towns, and counties imposing a tax under
9 section 301 of this act.

10 (b) During the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2006, through June
11 30, 2009, the total amount of credit against the state sales and use
12 tax that may be received by all cities, towns, and counties imposing a
13 tax under section 301 of this act shall be increased as follows:

14 (i) In the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the limit in (a) of
15 this subsection shall be increased by the same percentage as the
16 percentage increase in the assessed value of all property within this
17 state from calendar year 2003 through calendar year 2004, as determined
18 by the department;

19 (ii) In the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the limit in (a) of
20 this subsection shall be increased by the same percentage as the
21 percentage increase in the assessed value of all property within this
22 state from calendar year 2003 through calendar year 2005, as determined
23 by the department;

24 (iii) In the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and for each
25 subsequent fiscal year, the limit in (a) of this subsection shall be
26 increased by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the
27 assessed value of all property within this state from calendar year
28 2003 through calendar year 2006, as determined by the department.

29 (4) The credit against the state sales and use tax shall be
30 available to any city, town, or county imposing a tax under section 301
31 of this act only as long as the city, town, or county has outstanding
32 indebtedness under RCW 39.89.080.

33 (5) The department may adopt any rules under chapter 34.05 RCW it
34 considers necessary for the administration of sections 202 through 303
35 of this act.

36 **PART IV**

1 **BOND AUTHORIZATION**

2 **Sec. 401.** RCW 39.89.080 and 2001 c 212 s 8 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) A local government designating an increment area and
5 authorizing the use of community revitalization financing may incur
6 general indebtedness, and issue general obligation bonds, to finance
7 the public improvements and retire the indebtedness in whole or in part
8 from tax allocation revenues it receives, subject to the following
9 requirements:

10 (a) The ordinance adopted by the local government creating the
11 increment area and authorizing the use of community revitalization
12 financing indicates an intent to incur this indebtedness and the
13 maximum amount of this indebtedness that is contemplated; and

14 (b) The local government includes this statement of the intent in
15 all notices required by RCW 39.89.050.

16 (2) The general indebtedness incurred under subsection (1) of this
17 section may be payable from other tax revenues, the full faith and
18 credit of the local government, and nontax income, revenues, fees, and
19 rents from the public improvements, as well as contributions, grants,
20 and nontax money available to the local government for payment of costs
21 of the public improvements or associated debt service on the general
22 indebtedness.

23 (3) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this
24 section, a local government designating an increment area and
25 authorizing the use of community revitalization financing may require
26 the nonpublic participant to provide adequate security to protect the
27 public investment in the public improvement within the increment area.

28 (4) Bonds issued under this section shall be authorized by
29 ordinance of the local governing body and may be issued in one or more
30 series and shall bear such date or dates, be payable upon demand or
31 mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates, be
32 in such denomination or denominations, be in such form either coupon or
33 registered as provided in RCW 39.46.030, carry such conversion or
34 registration privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in
35 such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or
36 places, and be subject to such terms of redemption with or without

1 premium, be secured in such manner, and have such other
2 characteristics, as may be provided by such ordinance or trust
3 indenture or mortgage issued pursuant thereto.

4 (5) The local government may annually pay into a fund to be
5 established for the benefit of bonds issued under this section a fixed
6 proportion or a fixed amount of any tax allocation revenues derived
7 from property or business activity within the increment area containing
8 the public improvements funded by the bonds, such payment to continue
9 until all bonds payable from the fund are paid in full. The local
10 government may also annually pay into the fund established in this
11 section a fixed proportion or a fixed amount of any revenues derived
12 from taxes imposed under section 301 of this act, such payment to
13 continue until all bonds payable from the fund are paid in full.
14 Revenues derived from taxes imposed under section 301 of this act are
15 subject to the use restriction in section 302 of this act.

16 (6) In case any of the public officials of the local government
17 whose signatures appear on any bonds or any coupons issued under this
18 chapter shall cease to be such officials before the delivery of such
19 bonds, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for
20 all purposes, the same as if such officials had remained in office
21 until such delivery. Any provision of any law to the contrary
22 notwithstanding, any bonds issued under this chapter are fully
23 negotiable.

24 (7) Notwithstanding subsections (4) through (6) of this section,
25 bonds issued under this section may be issued and sold in accordance
26 with chapter 39.46 RCW.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 402. A new section is added to chapter 39.89
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 A local government that issues bonds under RCW 39.89.080 to finance
30 public improvements may pledge for the payment of such bonds all or
31 part of any tax allocation revenues derived from the public
32 improvements. The local government may also pledge all or part of any
33 revenues derived from taxes imposed under section 301 of this act and
34 held in connection with the public improvements. All of such tax
35 revenues are subject to the use restriction in section 302 of this act.

